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**TODAY'S WEATHER** Moderate ESE winds: cloudy, with periods of light rain in the North of the area.  
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## RIOTS IN ITALY

### Thirty Arrests

### WORKERS SEIZE A RADIO FACTORY

Rome, May 5.—Reports reaching the Ministry of the Interior today said that more than 30 persons have been arrested during the past 48 hours for rioting.

In the explosive Puglia region, the police yesterday arrested 20 persons—six women—for invading the homes of Christian Democratic leaders in Ruvo di Puglia near Bari and for attacking a religious outdoor procession with an image of the Madonna of Mercy in Ascoli Satriano.

The attacks on the homes of wealthier Catholic party members in Ruvo followed a demonstration by 1,000 unemployed farmhands demanding work from the municipal authorities. Police reinforcements had to be brought in. One policeman was gravely wounded and ten demonstrators were slightly injured when the police charged the crowd and cleared them from occupied homes.

In Ascoli Satriano, the Communists attacked a religious procession in honour of the Virgin Mary, prevented Bishop Monsignor Donato Parundi from speaking to the faithful, and forced them to take the image of the Madonna of Mercy back into the church. Arrests were still being made.

### EJECTED BY POLICE

In Bazzano near Bologna more than 1,000 locked-out workers seized the Ducenti radio factory and had to be ejected by the police. The workers demanded the reopening of four Ducenti plants in northern Italy now closed by the lockout.

In Botto San Lorenzo near Florence, all building workers were on strike protesting against the failure of railway construction contractors to take on additional workers for a double shift on the railway line between Florence and Fiesole. A general strike was declared later in the 10,000-town and spread to neighbouring small towns.

Meanwhile, a nationwide strike of gas workers threatened today and gas service has already been reduced at meal time in an effort to obtain a concession from the utility companies.—United Press.

## EDITORIAL

### Child Delinquency

CHILD delinquency has become an alarming feature of the business which daily occupies the Colony's Courts. Both Police and magistrates are beginning to feel helpless in face of the steady increase of juvenile misdeeds. Neither the cane nor probation appear to have the desired effect, while fines are cheerfully paid only for the young offenders to resume their petty crimes immediately they leave the court. The constant flow into the magistracies on both sides of the harbour of youthful criminals each with a growing list of offences is a sharp reminder that Government must very soon realise the Colony requires a full-sized and fully staffed reformatory. The present so-called reformatory school is hopelessly inadequate to cope with the demands of the day, and when it comes to dealing with girls, the police have only the Salvation Army Home to which they can turn for assistance. The Home too, has its physical limitations, and often can only take in convicted juvenile offenders for a few days. For the most part, child delinquents in Hongkong are the victims of circumstances; either they are forced into a life of petty crime by conscienceless parents or guardians, or they are abandoned children who must fend for themselves. Few, if any, are given the opportunity of education or of finding honest and steady employment. They live by their wits, become a menace to society, and are a constant source of irritation to the Police

who have to devote a lot of valuable time in keeping track of them. A reform school, capable of holding at least 1,000 children at any time is an urgent necessity. As a building project it should be immediately placed on high priority and special funds for it should be voted without delay. A properly conducted reformatory would not only be a school for correction, but could serve as a place where child delinquents could be taught a trade and trained to develop into useful citizens. Half a dozen strokes of the cane, administered by a policeman who performs the operation so frequently that he becomes cynically aware of its futility, is no permanent correction. Most children can take a flogging without being conscious that it is intended to deter them from future misbehaviour. Having taken their punishment they are quick prepared to continue their misdeeds and run the risk of another caning at a later date. Nor can admonitions and warnings from the Bench achieve any permanent effect on the minds of these young offenders, especially where the children are fully aware that their taskmasters who will continue to make use of them for petty crime. There is only one solution to this grave problem—a first-class reformatory school. Sooner or later Government must devote attention to this question, but the longer the delay the greater the danger of the Colony breeding child delinquents into adult criminals.

## Jerusalem Truce Hopes Brighter

### UN COMMISSION MEETING ARAB REPRESENTATIVES

### Correct Atmosphere Created

Jerusalem, May 5.—The prospects for a truce in Jerusalem "look good", Mr Richard Stubbs, the Palestine Government Information Officer, told his last press conference today. The three-man United Nations truce commission was meeting the Arabs in Jericho, he said, and was returning to Jerusalem tonight.

General Sir Alan Cunningham, the High Commissioner, had been approached by the United Nations Security Council to try to arrange terms for a truce in Jerusalem's Old City, where a virtual cease fire has been effective for some days.

Mr Stubbs said the stopping of hostilities in the Arab Katamon section of Jerusalem, which the Jews captured after bitter fighting last Saturday, had created the necessary "psychological atmosphere" for peace talks in the Holy City.

## Spaak's Govt. Resigns

Brussels, May 5.—M. Paul Henri Spaak's Coalition Government resigned tonight after the Socialists in the Belgian Chamber of Deputies rejected a Government compromise on the issue of State subsidies to Catholic schools.

The Socialists had precipitated a crisis on this 75-year-old issue yesterday when they voted down a proposal by the Premier to increase the State education grants to Catholics.

The Christian Democrats, the Catholic party in the Coalition Government, said they would accept the compromise "with reservations". The Regent of Belgium, Prince Charles, tonight accepted M. Spaak's resignation.

Prince Charles, on accepting the Coalition Cabinet's resignation, immediately asked that the Government stay on as caretakers.

Circles close to M. Spaak said tonight that he chose to sacrifice the Premiership despite guarantees that he would be voted a comfortable majority on a vote for the greater subsidies because he wished to avoid the appearance of a split within the Socialist ranks.—Reuter.

The large-scale flight of Arabs from Jaffa, and surrounding villages, to Gaza, in southern Palestine, has created a serious food shortage which the Palestine Government is trying to alleviate by rushing supplies of four and other foods from Jaffa, Mr Stubbs disclosed.

In Damascus, an Arab Headquarters communiqué stated that the British authorities today warned the Arabs shelling Jewish strong-points in Jerusalem that unless the bombardment stopped, aircraft would be used against their batteries.

The communiqué said Jews attacked Arab positions at Safad and were "repulsed with heavy losses." Fighting is still in progress.

One British officer and five British soldiers were found shot dead in an Army breakdown lorry about a mile south of the Jewish town of Nathanya, between Tel Aviv and Haifa tonight, British military headquarters announced.

The Army lorry was blocked by an abandoned Jewish armoured vehicle.

King Abdullah of Transjordan today inspected an Iraqi motorized brigade in the hills of Moab, west of Amman, it was reported from the Transjordan capital.

The brigade commander and officers placed themselves under the King's command and pledged their forces to "liberate" Palestine.

It was officially stated tonight that the typhoid outbreak in Acre is not so serious as was at first thought. Only two of an estimated 70 cases are serious.—Reuter.

**OFF TO JERICHO**  
Jerusalem, May 5.—The United Nations truce commission went from Jerusalem to the Biblical city of Jericho today to meet Arab States' representatives with the hope of starting peace talks.

A British official source named Syria, The Lebanon, and Transjordan as the Arab States taking part.

With only 10 days to go before the British mandate ends, efforts were made by the commission—consisting of the Consul-General of France, the United States and Belgium—to start the talks yesterday, but a Palestine Government official, acting as intermediary, was not then able to arrange a meeting in Jericho, either by telephone or radio, a Jewish source said.

Jericho, five miles from the Jordan, guards the Allenby Bridge, the main Jerusalem road to King Abdullah's Transjordan capital of Amman.

**TOKEN DEMONSTRATION**  
A Jewish Agency spokesman spoke of political "manoeuvring" in the Arab world at a Jerusalem press conference today, and envisaged Transjordan and Iraq on one side and Lebanon and Syria on the other, fighting a battle of their own on Palestine soil.

He said a recent infiltration of two groups of Lebanese, including one of 150 men into Northern Palestine, was a token demonstration that Arab countries, other than Transjordan, were coming to the rescue of Palestine.

British Army medical authorities rushed supplies and medical aid to Acre, a north Palestine port, today to fight an outbreak of typhoid.

committee of the United Nations General Assembly that a plebiscite be held to settle the Palestine problem if the Jews and Arabs cannot agree to a solution.

Senator Bell said that the sub-committee should find a way to establish a provisional regime in Palestine before May 15, with its main purpose the restoration of order.

The sub-committee in its first meeting at the French delegation offices in New York voted eight to three to meet in secret, with Russia, Poland and Guatemala calling for open sessions.—Associated Press.

**SERIOUS WARNING**  
London, May 5.—Mr Ernest Bevin, said today that Britain has "very seriously warned" countries of the Arab League against actions in Palestine which might result in clashes with British forces.

Asked in the House of Commons if he is aware that Arab League members including Transjordan "have declared they will invade Palestine" and what steps are being taken, Mr Bevin declared in a written reply.

He said the Commonwealth countries generally have approved the idea of the Western Union in Europe. He promised to call a Commonwealth conference to discuss this and other questions as soon as possible.

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He said, "It is fantastically horrible but perhaps it is better than that we should drift into actual conflict because we do not understand. I do regard the present international situation as very dangerous, but I do not regard it as desperate."

**Pedicab Drivers Go On Strike**

Nanking, May 6.—The streets of the capital, usually cluttered with traffic-impeding pedicabs, became a motorists' delight yesterday as the city's pedicab drivers went on strike in protest against increases in rentals.

It is estimated that thousands of pedicab coolies putrid through downtown Nanking yesterday to present their petition to the Social Affairs Bureau, demanding official intervention to halt the action of the owners in raising rentals to CN\$210,000 daily and increasing deposits to CN\$4,000,000.—Reuter-AAP

## EX-GRATIA WAR DAMAGE PAYMENTS STATEMENT

London, May 5.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr Arthur Creech Jones, is considering the extension of ex-gratia war damage payments to certain British subjects in the Far East not included in the present scheme who have returned to Britain.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons today, Mr David Rees-Williams, Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, said:

"It was announced on October 30, 1945, that British subjects who had been repatriated to this country after release from captivity in Far Eastern territories and who intended to remain here permanently would be eligible for consideration for ex-gratia grants for the purchase of furniture and household goods on the lines of, and within the limits of the free cover provided in the United Kingdom private chattels' scheme."

"The Colonial Secretary is now considering, in conjunction with the President of the Board of Trade, the extension of this scheme to other British subjects who have suffered hardship through losses of private chattels in occupied British territories in the Far East and who have returned to this country and intend to remain here permanently."

"Neither under the existing scheme nor under this suggested extension would any distinction be drawn between Malayan and Hongkong claims."—Reuter.

## Inevitability Of War Denied By Attlee

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATE SPEECH

London, May 5.—The British Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, said tonight that another war will come only through "someone chancing his arm too far."

"It is utterly wrong and dangerous to talk of war as being inevitable," he told the House of Commons as its two-day foreign affairs debate neared an end.

"I do not believe it. I do not believe there are any people in the world who want war. If there is any drift to war—if it does arise—it will be through someone chancing his arm too far. I do not believe there is any aggressive desire for war."

Mr Attlee said he did not despair of the United Nations despite its difficulties.

The Prime Minister said that both Western Europe and the British Commonwealth had the same right to make regional defence agreements as Eastern Europe.

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"1. That we adhere to the purpose and policy of the economic co-operation act.

"2. That we intend concluding a bilateral agreement with the United States in accordance with this act.

"3. That we will take necessary steps to make deposits of sterling proceeds commensurate with the dollar amount of assistance furnished.

"4. We have to sign a convention for economic co-operation, which set up an organisation for European economic co-operation."

He explained that there were some minor points discussed in drafting the letter of intent, but "it is quite wrong to imagine that there have been major discussions on policy matters."

## Tempers Rise Over "Nenni" Telegram

London, May 5.—The Parliamentary Labour Party today discussed the "Nenni Incident" behind closed doors for nearly two and a half hours in one of its most dramatic meetings for years.

Some of the 21 Labour Members of Parliament whose names appeared on the controversial election good-will telegram were there, confronted by the whole Executive.

Speeches were made by the Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, his deputy, Mr Herbert Morrison, and Mr Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister and Chairman of the all-powerful Executive.

The meeting had all the elements of a spectacular clash and some members seemed to be still angry when they came out.

On the party Executive are 10 officials who are not Members of Parliament. Some Labour Members feel that the Executive was high-handed in its disciplinary measures. The signatories of the telegram maintain the Executive never openly repudiated the Nenni party, which it recognised four years ago.

### OUTSPOKEN LETTERS

Outspoken letters, containing criticism of the National Executive of the Labour Party, were sent to Mr Morgan Phillips, the Party Secretary, by some of the 21 Members of Parliament threatened with expulsion.

These Members were called upon to pledge their obedience to party policy after they had sent an election-waged telegram of support to Signor Nenni, leader of the Italian pro-Communist Socialists.

The letters give this undertaking but express bitter resentment at the "unwarranted accusations" and a determination to maintain the right to criticism.

Mr Sydney Silverman, a veteran Labourite, for instance, wrote: "I cannot undertake that I will always agree with whatever the National Executive Committee may do. The party is entitled to my judgment; but too is a party loyalty. We cannot, like the Communist Party, ask our members for blind obedience to a Politbureau."—Reuter.

## BANDIT HUNT RESUMED

### Lewis Gun Magazine Found In Hills

The police this morning resumed their search of Lau Fau Shan for armed robbers who, after a gun battle on Tuesday, retired to their stronghold.

So far no reports of the police making contact again with the bandits have been received.

Yesterday, in the course of combing out the hills, the police found a Lewis gun magazine loaded with Japanese bullets as well as odd round of rifle ammunition.

The woman bandit who was shot in the arm and captured yesterday is still in hospital, but is a walking casualty.

It has been disclosed that the robbers' stronghold is notorious and was raided several times by the Japanese during the occupation of Hongkong.

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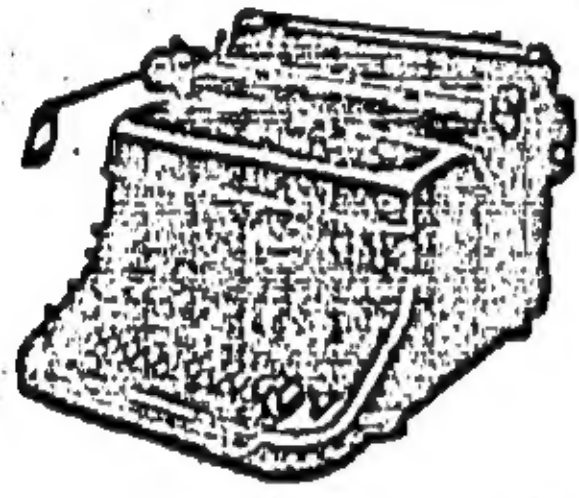
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STRICTLY SPEAKING this hat is impossible. The reason? It is trimmed with veiling and has veiling has hitherto been banned for years.

One of the great mysteries of Spring 1948 is how veiling continues to be sold up and down the country, although supplying or importing it for sale in this country has been illegal except with Board of Trade permission since 1943.

The hat in this picture is mass-produced, sells in hundreds in every big town, and is only one of 15 such hats (all with veiling) that seen in a fashion parade.

How is it done?

One explanation is that British-made veiling is of exporting, well so the manufacturers are being permitted to sell it to the wholesalers to save it from rotting.

But the Board of Trade admit they will have to do something about all this veiling pretty soon. The sale of veiling in one London shop rose to 3,000 yards a day.

Anne Edwards

CARE FOR  
BABY WITH  
ECZEMA

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

TO take care of the baby with eczema is a problem for both mother and physician. The red, sooty rash which comes with this disorder itches so intensely that it is difficult to keep the baby from scratching, and the more he scratches, the worse the rash is likely to become.

The exact cause of this stubborn disorder in babies is not known, but modern medicine inclines to the theory that it is due to an allergy or oversensitivity, usually to one or another food.

The tendency to oversensitivity is frequently inherited from one or both parents.

## Finding Sensitivity

Thus, aside from attempts to lessen the discomfort of the rash with soothing preparations, treatment is directed at finding the substance to which the baby is sensitive. The search must of necessity be on a trial-and-error basis, one food or another being taken out of the baby's diet and the results on the rash observed.

For this reason, it often happens that these youngsters are limited to a very restricted diet, and since so many of them prove sensitive to cow's milk, this is usually one of the first foods denied them.

Normally, milk is the baby's chief protein food and today we are learning that serious results may follow its discontinuance—unless protein is supplied in some other way.

Doctors have long been familiar with recurrent spells of severe illness, which seem to affect some babies with severe eczema. At these times there is a collection of fluids in the tissues, and this may be followed by an equally sudden weight loss as the fluids are lost, together with listlessness, loss of appetite, diarrhea, and collapse.

## Lack of Protein

Recently, it has been discovered that these symptoms are due to lack of protein in the blood and they are particularly likely to occur when milk is not employed in the diet. They are not, however, due to this cause alone, but may also appear in other babies afflicted with eczema because of the widespread infection which often results from the rash. As the protein deficiency becomes worse, the child's resistance to infection is lowered still further, and so a vicious circle is established in which each condition makes the other more pronounced.

In addition to the symptoms mentioned, there may be anemia or lessening of the coloring matter of the blood, and flabby muscles. The treatment in such cases consists of the giving of liver extract by injection into a muscle, together with injections of whole blood plasma or the fluid part of the blood into a vein.

Because of the dangers of this protein deficiency in babies with eczema, it would seem advisable that, in babies with this condition, a chemical determination of the amount of protein in the blood should be made from time to time.

BOOMPS-A-DAISY  
NEW LOOK . . .

A Version Of Hip Accent



The "boomp-a-daisy" version of that New Look . . . these dresses are from the Frederick Starke spring collection.

First, a ballet-length frock, shaded from ice-blue to carmine, with the peasant neckline and puff sleeves and hips. The printed afternoon dress is in copper and navy, again with pannier-like fullness over the hips.

World's  
Largest Uncut  
Diamond

There is a special exhibit at the 1948 British Industries Fair; this is the largest uncut diamond known to exist in the world. The diamond was found in January, 1945, in the gravels of the Woyle River, Sierra Leone. The stone weighs 770 carats. This is less than the famous "Cullinan," which weighed 3,106 carats, of 995.2 carats; but it is unquestionably the largest uncut diamond of our time, and the largest diamond of any kind ever found in an alluvial bed.

BING'S  
EATING  
HABIT

By PATRICIA CLARY

HOLLYWOOD. — Bing Crosby, easy-going at the dinner table as everywhere, loves "just plain cooking" and never interferes in the kitchen.

"He never complains," said his former cook, Laverne Keesee. "He is a good eater and he likes most anything that's set before him."

Miss Keesee told about the gastronomic side of The Groaner while he gulped down a snack she brought him when she visited Paramount to see him work in "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."

At the foot of the oak tree, he looked completely worn out, and he hardly seemed to have the strength to nod his head in good-morning greeting when the shadows came up to him.

"I've been getting no rest at all these days," he finally explained. "Why not?" Hanid asked. "Is someone keeping you awake?"

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## BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Squire Squirrel Runs a Hotel  
—And Everyone Wants to Stay There—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-around names, came on their friend Squire Squirrel, sitting on his back legs at the foot of the oak tree. He looked completely worn out, and he hardly seemed to have the strength to nod his head in good-morning greeting when the shadows came up to him.

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## Wanted to Know

Knarf and Hanid wanted to know what it was that was keeping Squire Squirrel from getting any rest.

"Well," he said, glancing up at the tree, "I own this hotel you know."

"Hotel? It's a tree," said Knarf. "It's a tree to you, but it's a hotel to almost everyone else. It's called the Garden View Lodge. Lodge," he said, "is the same as hotel except that it's generally in the country. Anyway, I have room for rent. No rooms, but room. And people from everywhere keep coming here, trying to get room."

"What people?" asked Hanid.

"All kinds," said Squire Squirrel. "Now the Garden View Lodge is a big place, as you can very well see for yourselves. There's room at the top, and room in the middle, and room on the ground floor, and even room in the cellar. But there isn't enough room for everyone who wants to live here!"

"I've got the Robins living here, and the Wrens, and the Thrushes. I'm living here myself with my family. My aunt and uncle and cousins live here. I've got Owl living here inside the trunk. And the Chipmunks, the Bees, the Earthworms and a Mole—who don't seem

## Don't Neglect Your Teeth



Pretty teeth are important in her profession, so Screen Star Doris Day gives hers good care.

By HELEN FOLLETT

SURVEYS prove that only one individual out of five receives professional care of the teeth. Many individuals who can well afford the very best attention never visit the dentist. Early treatment of bad teeth means that less money will be spent, that the biters will have a better chance to stay with one throughout the years. For daily neglect one pays and pays and pays.

We allow that brushing the teeth isn't as much fun as laying on the synthetic blush or tinting the mouth. But it should be done twice a day and it should not be a hurried job. Children, especially, find it a dreadful bore, but mother must be stern. The baby teeth require care if the second ones are to be sound.

## Chemical Changes

If one has the time and opportunity one should brush the teeth after luncheon. Particles of food undergoing chemical changes very quickly, changes that do no good by the

mouth pearls. It is particularly important to brush the mouth after sweets have been eaten.

No matter how much brushing is done, there should be a semi-regular visit to the dentist for cleaning, for examination and the removal of tartar that even the most vigorous brushing will not dislodge.

## Dental Floss

When there are spaces between the teeth they must be kept free of foreign matter. Dental floss is useful for this purpose but it must be used carefully and with caution. To dig into the gums and form a wound, is to invite infection which is a pretty serious matter.

A small brush with bristles grouped will do a better cleaning job than a large brush with closely-set bristles because it will tend to self more conveniently to the dental arch.

And don't forget to groom the biting surfaces.

LIGHT UP YOUR  
ROOM

By JAY W. WORTHINGTON

LIGHT—like colour—can create centres of interest in your room. Or it may divert attention from beaten-up walls you may have inherited from older brothers or sisters. What are your centres of interest. Pictures of movie stars? Record player? Or perhaps your bed is a focal point for gab-fests.

Professional designers use two kinds of light in planning modern rooms: Direct and Indirect.

Indirect, or general, lighting should give a soft glow to parts of ceilings or walls, making them light-hearted, sociable. The more white in large areas, therefore, the lighter your room will be. White reflects more light than any colour. If you can't redecorate your entire room, gleamed at least for new ceiling paint, even if you have to paint it yourself. A fresh white ceiling will brighten your room magically.

A dark, chewed-up floor, similarly, should have light covering. A big, expensive carpet isn't necessary. Colourful little string rugs are inexpensive. Get light, bright ones. You can buy them one at a time, if your budget is straining, and lay them in patterns or sew them together in your own design.

This is YOUR room, remember. Let it reflect your tastes and personality. If you're lucky enough to have light, bright walls, you can use stronger colours on the floor or elsewhere.

(To be Continued tomorrow)

## Rupert helps Dr. Lion—30



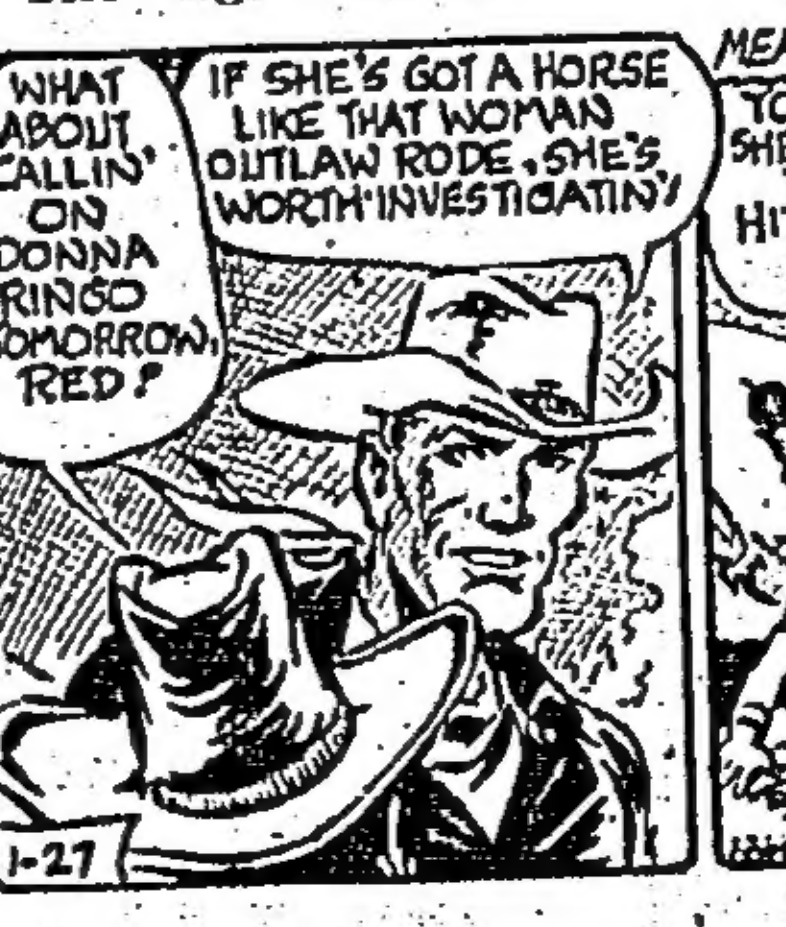
When he has finished his meal Rupert is taken up to a store-room full of curious things, and he finds himself trying on a thick woolly overcoat. "Our journey will be a cold one," says the Wise Old Goat. "So we must wrap you up well." "I say, this is getting exciting!" cries Rupert. "But I shan't be able to walk far in this, it's too heavy." "You won't have to. I shall do the walking," says the old Goat, smiling mysteriously. And the little bear gets more and more puzzled.

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## RED RYDER



## The Right Hunch



## BY FRED HARMAN





# WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



**SIDEWALK VIEW**—Parisians can pick up a lot of information by just walking along the city's sidewalks. The posters along this street carry news that De Gaulle will speak in Marseilles, the announcement of a play (at bottom) and a claim that Hitler is still alive (upper left).



**YOUR ANCESTOR?**—Some scientists claim that this tiny mammal is a link in the chain of evolution. The skull, they say, resembles ape types more than any other lemur. It is a Tarsier, recently acquired by the London Zoo from the Philippines.



**VIOLENCE IN BOGOTA**—Rioters in the Colombian capital of Bogotá gather in Bolívar Plaza at dusk to overturn and set fire to tramcars (below). Later they wrecked Government buildings and scattered furniture and files on the streets outside (above). The disorders ended with the death of more than 500 persons. The Pan American Conference resumed its sessions after order was restored.



**HAPPY IN REVERSE**—Chicago doctors who performed a "blue baby" operation on Beverly Stalter, aged nine, found her a rare bundle of surprises. Her heart and stomach are on the right side, and her liver and appendix on the left, reverse of normal. The doctors fixed up the "blue baby" part, then told her not to worry about the rest.



**CANINE WORKER**—Angelo Mangieri, packer in a New Jersey precision bearings plant, pets his seeing-eye dog, Quincy. The dog carries the worker's badge and is on the plant's employment roll. Mangieri has been blind since childhood.



**FURS FOR MEN**—In Beverly Hills, California, designers recently staged a fur show for men. Here model Helen Brush checks a black broadtail coat worn by Jack Hoffman.

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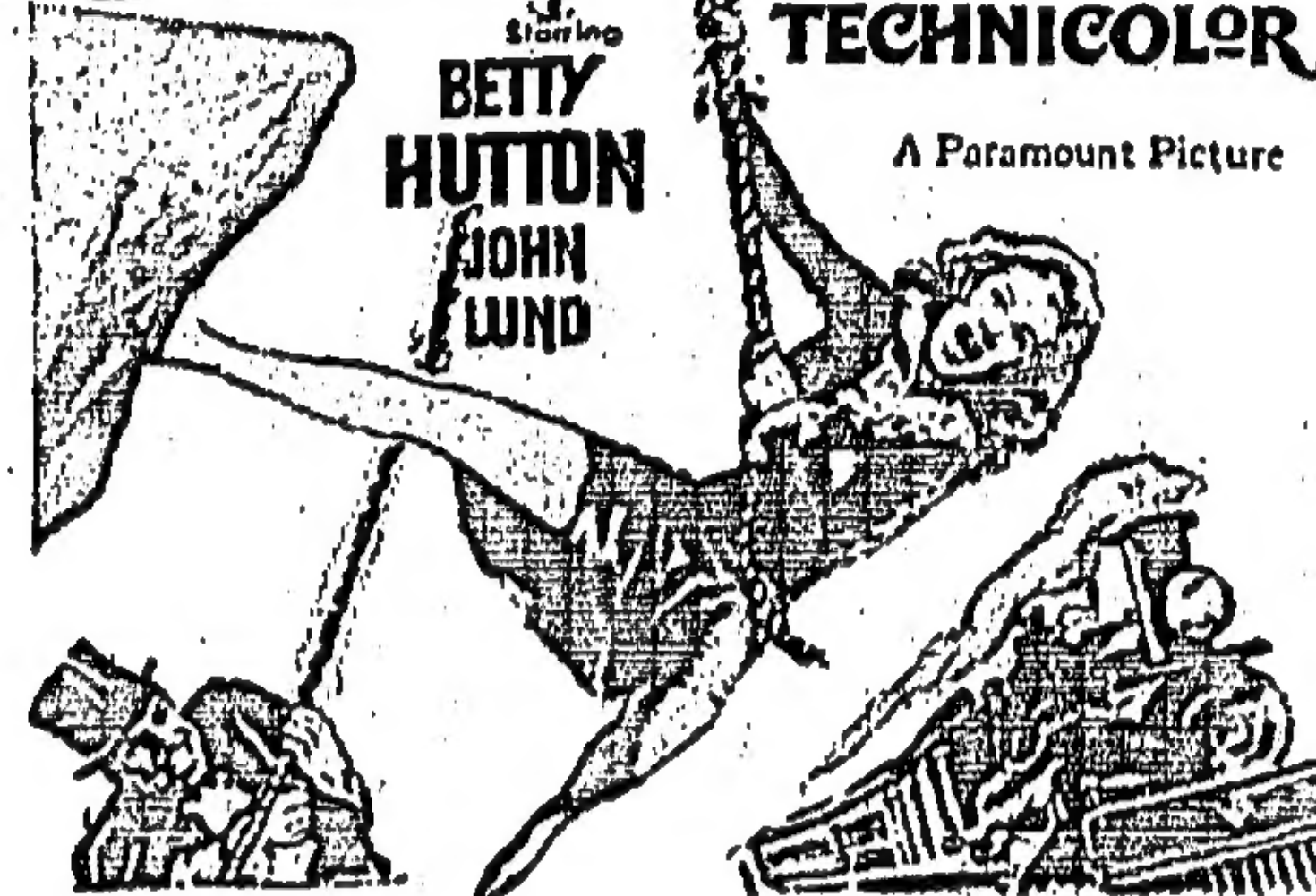
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COMING (AND GOING) EVENTS

AN AUSTRALIAN IN BRITAIN CHALLENGES WHITEHALL

MASS EMIGRATION

—YES... or NO?

by ALAN WOOD

ONE of the peculiar features of the Labour Government, somewhat disappointing to a Socialist like myself, is its refusal to make up their minds for themselves. One would expect Socialists to keep ahead of Conservatives: instead, they trail belatedly behind Mr. Churchill.

In foreign affairs, Mr. Bevin announced from the start that his policy was a "continuation" of Churchill's; and he is still following Churchill, having arrived now at something almost indistinguishable from the Fulton Speech.

Churchill went straight ahead with proposals for a Western Union; Mr. Bevin, after years of do-nothing-indecision, has now formed a Western Alliance. But his allegiance to Churchill has not been unwavering; there was a time when he talked of an Empire Customs Union and looked like following Lord Beaverbrook instead.

And in economic affairs, the Government still dither about the most important decision—the choice between exporting people and exporting goods.

## THE CHOICE

BRITAIN'S problem is simple: it is an island with more people than food to feed them. Which leaves this choice:

1.—Mass emigration to countries like Australia, where there is more food than there are people to eat it.

2.—An attempt to struggle back to the position 50 years ago, when Britain had enough exports to buy food for her surplus population.

There are other possibilities, too, like (3) growing more food at home; (4) developing new markets in places like South-East Europe.

These policies are not mutually exclusive. But there is a definite clash between the first two: you must decide sooner or later whether you are going to encourage people to go to Australia or go into the undermanned export industries.

The choice between the two is more important than the stock political argument between capitalism and Socialism. It will have to be made whether Britain goes Socialist or not.

Once again, it was Mr. Churchill who took the lead, ruling out (1) and appealing to young Englishmen to stay at home.

Lord Beaverbrook promptly took the opposite line, urging they should be allowed to emigrate.

So once again the Government, having failed to formulate a policy of their own, have to choose between following Churchill or following Beaverbrook.

## TOO POLITE

AT the moment they seem to be following Churchill. They don't say so explicitly yet. (The time-lag between Mr. Churchill laying down a policy and the Government definitely adopting it is usually about two years.) But they are concentrating all their efforts on policy (2), the export drive; and they do nothing to encourage emigration.

They are far too polite to tell Australia: "You want millions of emigrants: well, you're not going to get them here if we can help it: we need all our manpower ourselves."

On the contrary, they are most sympathetic to Australia; they loyally carry out the letter of the existing emigration agreement; they did nothing to stop Australia, for instance, carrying off 800 much-needed builders.

But in the long run Britain has the whip hand. She owns the ships. And last year only 22,997 emigrants found passages. (Offset by 17,222 people who left Australia, mainly to come to Britain.)

Yet there are signs that the Government are not quite satisfied with this compromise half-hearted approach. One voice has been raised against it. A hesitant voice. It belongs to Mr. Dalton, and this is what he said:

In the long run I don't think we will be able to carry such a large population as at present.

We ought definitely to let our minds run along the line of thought that there ought to be a substantial movement of population from this island to

other places, most of all to Australia.

You could hardly call that a confident, precise declaration of policy. But perhaps it is the best we can hope for, as the first timid indication that Socialist leaders may venture to depart from the policy Mr. Churchill has formulated.

I have no space to discuss the arguments against mass emigration; the subject is too big. I am simply saying that it ought to be discussed, freely, frankly and urgently.

A little plain speaking might itself remove the main difficulties.

What's worrying Whitehall? What have they got on their minds? Are they afraid of Australia taking off all the fit young men and leaving the old for Britain to support?

That's a reasonable point; Australians are reasonable people; of course they would agree to take a quota of older folk.

And what about the British National Debt which emigrants would leave behind them? Well, it's fair enough for Australia to take over a proportion of that, too. (According to Press reports she has already offered to do so, in a private letter from the Australian Minister for Immigration.)

## THEY ARE EAGER

ONCE these points have been thrashed out freely and openly, once the British Government have taken over their minds what their emigration policy is, we can get down to the other problems raised by deliberately planning a Britain with fewer people in it.

There is a chance now for a planned emigration policy which would strengthen the whole Empire: Australia is willing and eager; only Whitehall hangs back.

## PROSPECTS FOR FRANCE ARE BOOMING

By SAM WHITE

PARIS.—The cataclysmic political horoscope General de Gaulle cast for France some time ago is now doing damage to his reputation as a prophet.

The Schuman Government, instead of disintegrating, have grown stronger and more confident. Instead of a Communist "Ides of March," predicted so confidently by the General's spokesman, the month passed off almost without incident.

Now, with French economy fortified by a bumper harvest and Marshall aid, the shadows cast by both the Communist dragon and the No. 1 dragon killer are shrinking rapidly.

In fact, the prospect for France are so rosy that they constitute the best news to come out of Europe since VE day.

France is now in the grip of an extraordinary sporting revival. Attendances at sporting events are breaking all records.

High on the list of sporting attractions was the six-day bicycle race which ended recently at the Velodrome d'Hiver, Paris's Madison Square Garden.

This annual event is a rare and colourful mixture of sport, circus and music-hall. Eighteen riders spinning around a 233-yard track for six days and nights with brief intervals for rest may seem a little monotonous, but the French love it.

Apart from the cyclists there are bands, songs by music-hall stars, and celebrities from every walk of life sipping champagne on the rim of the track.

Up in the gallery the fans sit up day and night, munching an occasional garlic-laden sandwich, in feats of endurance rivaling that of the cyclists.

# The man who may succeed Truman

By SKENE CATLING

NEW YORK. STATE elections which guide the States delegates in voting for a presidential candidate at the Republican National Convention in June have, so far, put Minnesota's ex-Governor Harold Edward Stassen as an equal favourite at least with New York's Governor, Tom Dewey, and Ohio's Senator Taft.

Stassen's smashing victories in Wisconsin and Nebraska have turned all eyes on him.

Hitherto the party bosses have refused to take his chances too seriously. But now he has forced himself upon their notice—he may well become the next President of the United States.

Harold Stassen has brought a new style in campaigning.

Instead of delivering a carefully prepared speech (probably one written by somebody else) and then going round kissing the babies, Stassen prefers meetings at which he talks with, as well as to, the voters and argues with them.

He encourages questions and never dodges one. He is always intensely in earnest. "Let's face the issues," might be called his motto. He believes in thrashing out a subject.

## RAN FARM AT 14

He believes that ordinary people have common sense enough to back the right course of action if only they are told all the facts—and "face the issues."

He believes in democracy. He believes in capitalism. "We should shun Government ownership like the plague," he says.

He has never been rich—he is still paying off the mortgage on his Minnesota home.

He has the backing in his election campaign of the so-called "Minnesota Fund," to which nobody may subscribe more than \$250. Some 10,000 Stassenites have subscribed an average of £10 each.

Stassen also believes in the United Nations and the Marshall plan. He is against secret negotiations, the U. N. veto, and Communism (at any rate in the United States).

What is Stassen's background? Born and bred on his father's 40-acre farm—market gardening—in rural West St. Paul, the third of four sons, he raised rabbits and pigeons as a small boy and in the summer ran a fruit and vegetable stand by the roadside.

## A YEAR IN BED

He finished school at 14. His father was ill, so for one year the boy Stassen ran the family farm.

At 15 he entered the University of Minnesota and helped pay his way by working as a Pullman car conductor on the railway.

He graduated from university aged 20. At 22 he got his Bachelor of Laws degree, started a law business—and collapsed, through overwork, with tuberculosis.

He had to spend a year in bed. He has had a remarkably successful career. He is 41. He elected President this year he will be the youngest Chief Executive in United States history.

He was youngest Governor of Minnesota in that State's history at the age of 31. He has been twice re-elected—the third time in



STASSEN  
Seven and seven-eighths hats, size 12 shoes.

spite of his warning that he would hold office for only four months.

When that period elapsed—it was in 1942—he joined the U.S. Navy. He became Admiral Halsey's dog officer and later assistant chief of staff in the Pacific.

After 27 months of active service Stassen retired with the rank of captain and four decorations.

What does Stassen look like? Of mixed Czech-German-Norwegian-Danish blood, he is slow, massive, deliberate; height 6 feet 3 inches—weight 15 stone.

He has an enormous head and wears a hat size seven and seven-eighths. Shoes size 12.

Hair sandy and thinning. Eyes large and ginger. He thinks before he speaks, sometimes for as long as a minute or so.

## HE LIKES MILK

He is a Baptist, non-smoker, moderate drinker, likes milk, best—a great reader, especially of books he thinks will give him useful information, and he writes his own speeches.

He likes using a dictating machine.

He is a crack shot, was captain of his university's rifle team which won three national championships.

He likes fishing, swimming, walking, playing chess.

His wife, Esther, his childhood sweetheart, is unassuming, amiable, plainly dressed. She uses almost no make up and likes picnics.

Her chief interests in life seem to be her husband's career and bringing up their two children, a boy and a girl—Glen, 12, and Kathleen, six.

## HIS ENEMIES

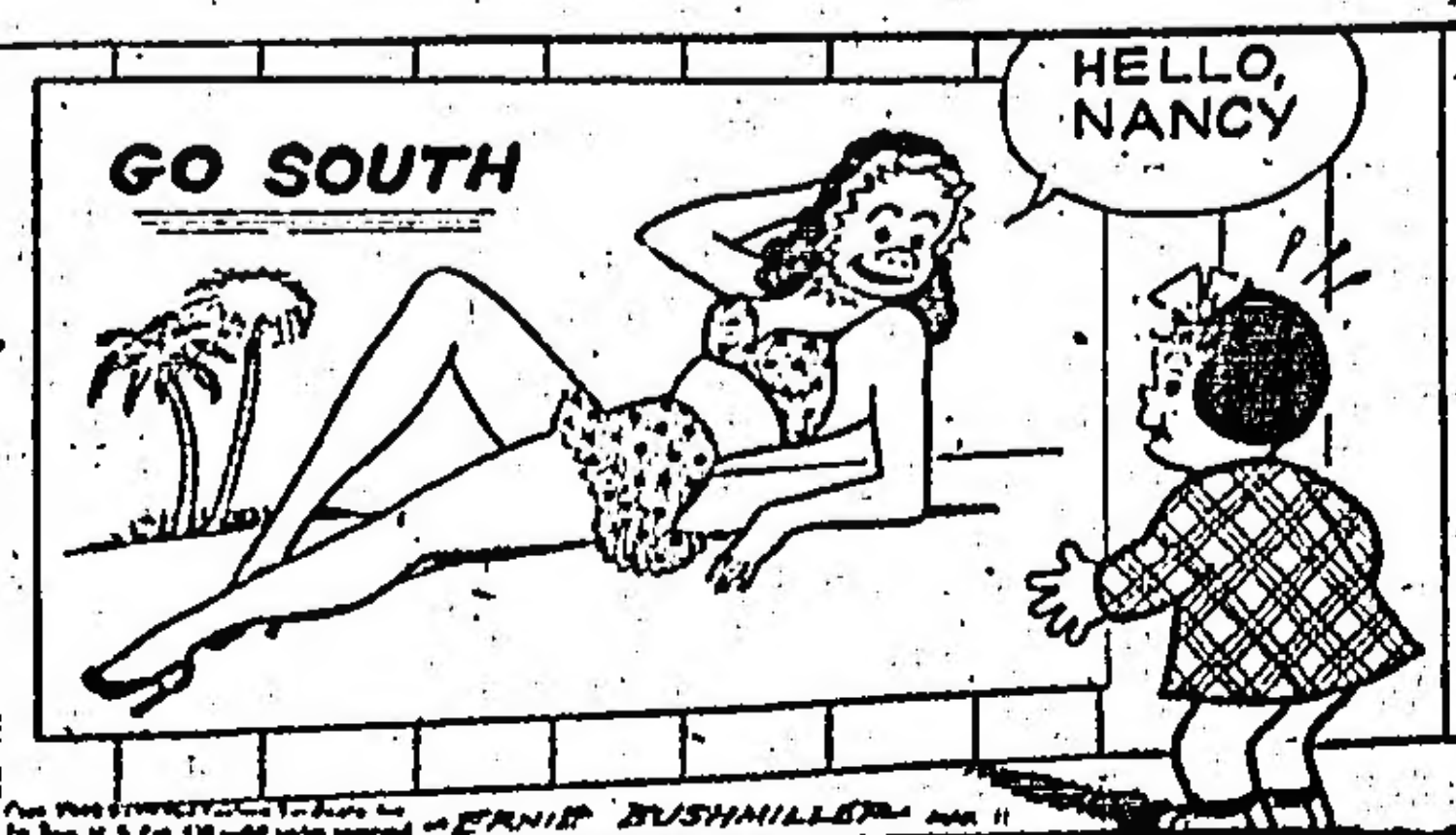
Stassen has guts. When he was a county attorney at the time of the great depression the milk farmers were on strike and at one meeting someone asked what they could do with the county attorney.

"Lynch him!" was the cry. Stassen, sitting at the back unnoticed, strode on the platform and introduced himself.

"This violence will have to stop," he said calmly. "But I'll try to get you a better price for your milk." He did.

Stassen is essentially a middle-of-the-road man. And he has a way of reaching his destination.

## NANCY Beauty and the Beast





## Must Vote In Person

It was officially stated this morning that it has become known that certain Unofficial JP's intend to record their votes at today's election for an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council by proxy.

The Returning Officer stresses that such votes cannot be accepted. It is necessary for all those eligible to vote this afternoon do so in person.

Polling will be from 3 to 5 p.m. today at the Supreme Court. The two candidates for the Legislative Council seat vacated by Mr. M. M. Watson, who is on leave, are Mr. N. O. C. Marshall and Mrs. Losby.

## Excessive Rentals

### Complaint Against Sister-in-Law

An unusual summons for overcharging rent was heard before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon this morning, the complainant who occupied a room without paying rent, being the sister-in-law of defendant.

Defendant, Tse Kwai, alias Ning Kwai, the wife of Detective Wong Hing, was said to be the principal tenant of 30 Tai Nam Street. She paid a floor rent of \$20 and inclusive of profits was allowed to collect \$31.20. She rented a cubicle to Chiu Yee-kwui for \$20 which should have been \$8 and another to Lai Mui for \$30 instead of \$5. A third sub-tenant paying \$10 was quite satisfied. Tse's sister-in-law made the complaint on behalf of the other tenants as she herself paid no rent.

After the Magistrate had cautioned Tse and ordered her to refund three months' overcharge to Lai and Chiu, Detective Wong requested him to order his sister to quit the premises as she caused a lot of trouble. Detective Wong was advised to ask his sister to pay rent and if she refused he could apply to the Tenancy Tribunal for eviction.

## PEAK TRAM INCIDENT

### "Petrified" Woman On Line

Considerable excitement was caused on the Peak Tram shortly before 8 o'clock last night, when shouts from the passengers on the descending car, on the loop just above May Road, indicated that something was amiss.

The reason was quickly discovered when a woman was observed on the track about 100 yards in front of the on-coming car. The brakesman frantically rang the alarm bell, at the same time waving for the trespasser to cross the track to the hillside. The woman was obviously experiencing the greatest difficulty in negotiating the rails and moving cable, but managed to cross the track just as the tram came to a stop within a few feet of her.

The woman, an American, was assisted into the car by passengers, and explained that as the car had not stopped at Barker Road, she thought it would be safe to walk back along the track.

"I was petrified," she said, "when I saw the cables moving and the car approaching."

## DGS ANNUAL SERVICE

Today being Ascension Day, the annual service of the Diocesan Girls' School was held at St. John's Cathedral this morning. The service was conducted by the Rev. George She, who also preached the sermon.

The Very Rev. A. P. Rose, Dean of the Cathedral, was present, as were also Mrs. Sykes, Acting Headmistress, and members of the Staff.

The Lesson, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, was read by one of the pupils, Alice Oel.

## Boxer Indemnity Trustee Due Here

Arriving on the Shengking from Shanghai on Monday next is Sir Robert Calder Marshall, KBE, Sir Robert who is a Trustee of the Boxer Indemnity Fund is also a Director of The British General Electric Co. Ltd.

After a brief stay in Hongkong he will proceed to the United Kingdom by air.

## Indecent Assault

A 59-year-old man, Leung Ping, was this morning sentenced to six months by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon for indecent assault on a girl of 17, Wong Kit-mui, between April 15 and May 4.

According to Sub-Inspector Horwath, the girl was a neighbour of Leung who lived at 177 Wuhu Street. He assaulted her on several occasions and gave her money to buy sweets so that she would not tell her mother.

## PAULA BY DENNIS WHEATLEY

A search is just about to be started for the star when the figure of a painted Dutch Doll steps into the glare of the lights.



## Man Denies Taking Part In Taxi Murder

Evidence that he was present at the scene but did not take part in the stabbing was given by one of the two accused in the taxi driver murder case before Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Accused are Leung Wing and Leung Ngau, both 21, and they are charged with the murder of Ip Woon-ning, 33-year-old driver of the Dragon Motor Company, at Victoria Road, Kennedy Town, towards midnight on February 10 (Chinese New Year's day).

Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector G. E. Williams, is for the prosecution. Accused are defended by Mr. Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. J. C. Stewart.

Dr. C. B. Ong, of Queen Mary Hospital, said that Ip had 12 wounds on the left side of the head and died 10 days later from cerebral laceration and fractured skull.

### ACCUSED'S EVIDENCE

Giving evidence in the witness-box, first accused said he first came to Hongkong in August, 1947. On the night of February 10 he went to the coolie quarters at Central Market with the second accused for the purpose of looking up a friend. Shortly after their arrival Wan Kam and Li Tse came in. He and second accused were talking about returning to the country when Wan interposed and told them not to, saying he would get jobs for them. Wan then left but returned about half an hour later and said he had got jobs for them, adding that Li would take them to the place.

He, second accused and Li left the quarters about 10 p.m. Near a side lane, Li suggested taking a taxi, explaining that he had to go somewhere after taking them to their jobs. Li took the front seat beside the driver, second accused directly behind the driver and he himself on the right side of second accused.

On reaching Kennedy Town and as the taxi was still moving, Li suddenly caught hold of the driver's neck by his left arm and stabbed him on the left side of the head. As soon as the stabbing was committed, the car stopped.

"VERY SURPRISED" He was very much surprised by this attack, said accused, and became very frightened. He immediately got out of the car and ran, at the same time calling out to second accused to do the same.

The next day, he saw Wan at the coolie quarters and scolded him for asking him and second accused to go with Li. Wan replied by threatening to have him killed if he told anybody that he (Wan) had asked them to go with Li.

Accused denied having told the Police to release Wan because he had nothing to do with the crime. He alleged that a detective wrote out a statement and beat him into signing it. On one occasion while at the coolie quarters he overheard Wan saying that it was fortunate that he did not agree to take part in a robbery at On Long as two men had been arrested.

Cross-examined, Accused said he never thought of a little odd that Wan should have offered him jobs at 10 p.m. on Chinese New Year's Day. He denied he was a destitute but admitted he had no money with him when arrested.

The case is proceeding.

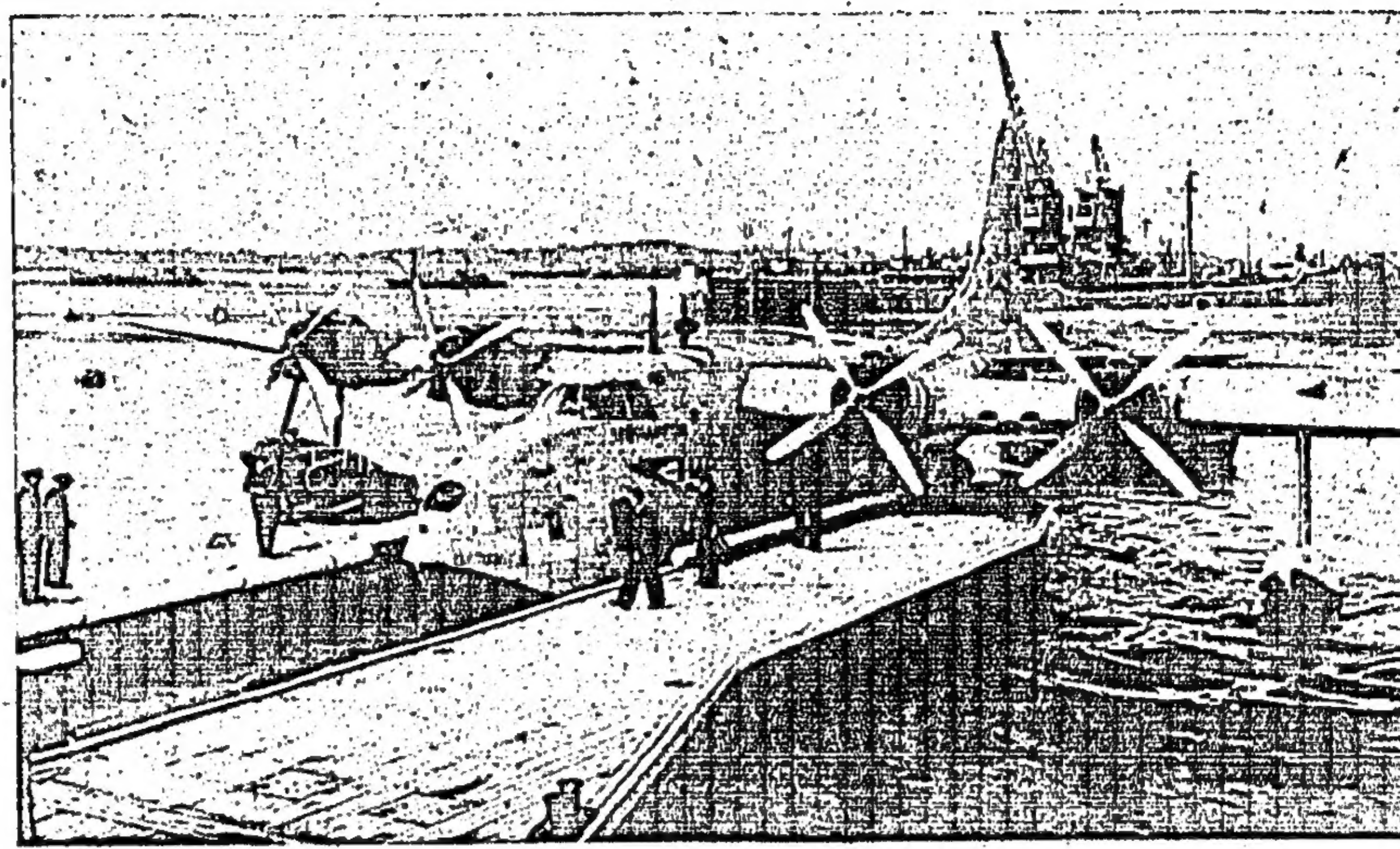
## Water Restrictions Report Denied

A Chinese newspaper this morning carried a report that the Authorities intended this month to impose further water restrictions, but the report was officially denied when the Telegraph made enquiries.

The Telegraph was informed that there was no intention for the time being of introducing further water restrictions. Whether such a step would eventually become necessary depended on the amount of rain during May, but the present ten hours' supply would be maintained until at least the end of the month.

## Four Offences

A 59-year-old Chinese Chan Cheung-chow, 25, described as a clerk, residing at 77 Wongninchung Road, was fined \$250 by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning for three breaches of the Learner's Driving Regulations, by failing to stop when accompanied by a licensed driver when driving car 1500 at Catchick Street near North Street yesterday, without displaying the "L" plate, and carrying four passengers at the time.



This picture shows the new flying-boat dock at Southampton from Hongkong now moor when they arrive. The photograph was taken on the occasion of the christening of the dock, with the flying-boat Southampton nosing her way to the moorings.

## Club Coolie Robs Member

For stealing \$75 from a resident of the Hongkong Club on Tuesday, Wan Sui-hung, 19, coolie employed at the Club, was fined \$250 or three months by Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning.

DSI Shaw said the resident, Mr. Reid, discovering the loss of the money from his jacket which he kept in the room, reported to the Police.

Detectives discovered that defendant was seen in the corridor without his shoes on or about 6 o'clock that morning. Later, a sum of \$40 was recovered from a pillowcase in defendant's quarters and the balance of the money from other Club boys to whom defendant had given it in settlement of debts.

## POLICE RAID BROTHELS

Raids carried out by the Police early today in the Wanchai district resulted in four women appearing before Mr. d'Almada at Central this morning, charged with keeping brothels.

Each defendant was sentenced to two months and fined \$250 or an additional month.

The defendants were Chan Fong, married woman, of 17 Swatow Street; Li Fung, widow, of 10 Swatow Street; Wong Sam, widow, unnumbered hut in Amoy Street; and Chan Ying, widow, unnumbered hut in Amoy Street.

DSI Davies said the raids were carried out between 3.10 a.m. and 3.45 a.m. today and males and females were found on each floor.

## Today In The Marine Court

For allowing floating logs to be moored inside the northern entrance of the Yau-mat Typhoon Shelter and extending into the fairway, thereby causing an obstruction and forcing the ferries to detour, a boat coolie was fined \$150 or six weeks by Mr. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

The master of a Class IV boat was cautioned for failing to renew his licence, when he explained that he had been away from Hongkong for 10 years.

The mistress of a Class IV boat was fined \$10 or two days for failing to exhibit regulation navigation lights. She admitted that, although she had a small light burning, it was placed on deck instead of being hoisted to the masthead.

Remarking that bright lights in the Harbour were a nuisance to navigation, Mr. Cairns imposed a fine of \$15 or three days on the master of a small sampan for bright light fishing in the prohibited area off Bank Pier.

## Appeal Against Court Judgment By St. Francis Hotel

An appeal against a decision of Mr. Justice Williams, made in Chambers on March 24, giving leave to the respondents for a signed judgment for possession of the St. Francis Hotel and refusing leave to appellants to defend the action, opened before the Full Court, comprising Mr. Justice Gould and Mr. Justice Reynolds, this morning.

Appellants were the St. Francis Hotel, occupying premises at 13 Queen's Road Central, and the respondents were the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.

In November last year, a Tenancy Tribunal, specially convened to hear an application by the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. for a recommendation to the Governor for exemption, under Section 32 of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, of the premises occupied by the St. Francis Hotel, unanimously recommended that the premises should be excluded from further application of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

In the course of the hearing, it was stated on behalf of the applicants that it was their intention to pull down the present out-moded and out-dated premises and to erect, instead, a larger and more convenient building.

Mr. H. C. Sheldon, KC, and Mr. Charles E. Losby, instructed by Mr. C. A. Russ, appeared for appellants in this morning's proceedings, and the Hon. Leo d'Almada, KC, and Mr. D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr. H. Capstick, were for the respondents.

APPELLANTS' CASE Mr. Sheldon said that for the respondents ultimately to succeed they must show that the provisions of the Ordinance had been strictly complied with, and for the Court to decide whether they had been a fair inquiry into the matter. He submitted that the provisions of the Ordinance had not been strictly complied with and that there could not have been a fair inquiry if discovery of documents and reasons in writing were refused by the Tribunal.

The acting master of another sampan was also fined \$15 or three days for bright light fishing, and an additional \$15 for failing to produce his licence on demand. He stated that the licence was kept on a larger boat.

The masters of two Class IV boats were each fined \$20 for failing to exhibit regulation navigation lights. Each pleaded that they had lights, but they were placed on deck.

The coxswain of a motor junk was cautioned for being under way with two of the four fire extinguishers on board empty. He said that on the trip out to Sha Mei he met rough weather, and the extinguishers were knocked down and two of them emptied. He added that he was returning to Hongkong to have them refilled. Sub-Inspector McCarthy confirmed that defendant had made this statement at the time of his arrest and that the vessel was returning to Hongkong. In cautioning defendant, Mr. Cairns pointed out the importance of keeping fire extinguishers in good order.

### FAIR HEARING CLAIMED

Despite what Mr. Sheldon had said about there not having been a fair inquiry, an examination of the record before the Tenancy Tribunal and the letters that were referred to at the hearing would make it abundantly clear that, so far from the appellants having been denied natural justice, they were given the fairest hearing by the Tribunal, Mr. d'Almada contended. He submitted that appellants had come before the Tribunal with a technical defence only, and that defence was no defence in fact when they came to examine Section 32 and other sections of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance.

After referring to the proceedings before the Tenancy Tribunal, Mr. d'Almada said that it was perfectly evident in the course of the hearing before the Tribunal that there was no suggestion or hint that the respondents were deliberately concealing anything which an order for discovery would have revealed.

Counsel submitted that the rules of procedure set out in the Schedule to the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance did not apply to Section 32 of the Ordinance which gave the Governor power to exclude either cases of premises or specific premises from the operation of the Ordinance. In the present case the common law rights of tenants were not involved, but the statutory protection of certain tenants, although Section 32 provided machinery whereby the landlord and tenant might be relegated to their common law rights.

Mr. d'Almada submitted that respondents had complied strictly with the requirements of Section 32.

The case is proceeding.

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## AUSTRALIAN CRICKET TOUR YORKSHIRE ALL OUT FOR 71 ON SOFT WICKET

Bradford, May 5.—After dismissing Yorkshire for the low score of 71, the Australian cricket tourists lost four wickets for 38 at the close of play on the first day of their match here.

The weather cleared early this morning, but the pitch remained soft and the captains, Brian Sellers and Lindsay Hassett, decided to hold up play until after lunch.

With Norman Yardley suffering from lumbago and Gerald Smithson nursing his injured elbow, Yorkshire fielded a weakish side.

Don Bradman rested himself and Toshack still remained without a game.

Today's play opened with an accident to Sam Loxton, the Australian fast-medium bowler, who, in delivering his fourth ball, injured a muscle and is unlikely to play again in the match.

Against a swing attack, launched mainly by Miller and Johnston, Yorkshire lost their first three wickets for one run after an opening stand of 21 in 70 minutes.

### ONE HOUR, ONE SINGLE

Hutton, who concentrated on defence and scored only one single in the first hour, was caught at long-on at 21. One run later, Hutton was bowled in trying to on-drive Johnston, and at the same time Lester made a bad shot to give silly mid-on an easy catch.

Hassett apparently decided not to risk Lindwall on the wet turf and the speed merchant had only one over at half pace.

William Watson, a left-hander who may gain Test honours this season, and Coxon stayed until tea when the total was 38 for 3.

On a wicket, which was becoming increasingly difficult, Miller and Johnston met with little opposition until the innings which lasted two hours and 45 minutes closed for a beggarly 71 runs.

Miller showed his all-round skill by changing from fast medium to off breaks round the wicket, and he well deserved his six wickets for seven runs each. He mixed his speed, flight and length and worried the batsmen by tossing up an occasional leg-break.

Johnston kept an even better length than Miller and rarely bowled off the wicket.

**AUSSIES UNCOMFORTABLE**

The Australians in turn found batting an unpleasant task. As soon as the effects of the heavy roller wore off, the ball lifted and spun sharply.

Brown, who made no stroke to an off break, and Hassett hitting across a well pitched ball were dismissed in one over by Smalles at 24, and Morris gave Smalles a return catch seven runs later. A fine catch at silly point by Sellers dismissed young Harvey in the last over of the day, and at the close the tourists with six wickets to fall stood 33 runs behind.

Six thousand overcast Yorkshire fans took it all on the chin—even Len Hutton's more than an hour for five runs.

Len was a ghost of his real self. The hardy Yorkshiremen really did cheer when veteran Frank Smalles, who also bowled round the wicket, sent back left hander Morris Brown and Lindsay Hassett at a personal cost of 19 runs.

On this pitch, bringing joy to spin bowlers, six wickets fell for 109 runs in 215 minutes.



### SUNSHINE ELSEWHERE

Southern England had plenty of sunshine for cricket today, though up north where the Australians played Yorkshire at Bradford there was rain, drizzle and Arctic wind.

Surrey, faced by off spinner Jim Laker, put out a strong MCC side at Lords for 225. The club was given a good start by the Middlesex opening pair Jack Robertson and Sam Brown, but once Laker found a true length, the rest of the batsmen, including Denis Compton were in trouble.

Compton was cut low to Laker in playing back after scoring four runs. Surrey made a steady reply with 140 for 4.

Cambridge University batsmen, quickly in bright form, ran up 370 for 7 wickets against Sussex. The Varsity looks likely to develop into an outstanding batting combination.

**OTHER SCORES**

At Lords: MCC v Surrey: MCC 225 all out (Robinson 66, Brown 42, Laker 4 for 60, A. V. Bedder 2 for 34).

At Cambridge: Cambridge University v Sussex: 370 for 7 (Dowes 94, Doggart 52).

At Portsmouth: Royal Navy v Hampshire (two days): Hampshire first innings 299 (Paris 112, Bailey 44, Coomb 5 for 80).

Royal Navy 34 for no wicket. At Slough: Home Counties v Lancashire (two days): Lancashire first innings 220 (Eldrich 67, A. 70, Eldrich W. J. 4 for 27).

Home Counties XI first innings 65 for 7 (Eldrich W. J. not out 23). At Newport: Glamorgan v Somerset (friendly).

Glamorgan first innings, 211 all out (Clift 60, Graham 3 for 47, Hassell 3 for 47).

Somerset 24 for no wicket. Reuter and Associated Press.

**SCORES**

Detailed scores at the close of play were:

Yorkshire first innings, 71

Hutton c. Harvey b. Miller 5  
Hulliday c. Johnston b. Miller 15  
Lester c. Brown b. Miller 0  
Watson b. Johnston 0  
Coxon b. Johnston 14  
Smalles c. Brown b. Miller 5  
Aspinall c. Harvey b. Johnston 13  
Sellers c. Brown b. Miller 0  
Wardle b. Miller 0  
Brennan not out 7  
Robinson c. Lindwall b. Miller 2  
Extras 2

Total 71

**Bowling**

Johnston 28 14 22 4  
Miller 22 3 7 42 6  
Lester 1 0 0 0  
Newall 4 1 5 0

Australia first innings, 38 for 6

Morris c. and b. Smalles 17  
Brown c. b. and b. Smalles 13  
Hassett b. Smalles 0  
Hamerne not out 7  
Harvey c. Sellers b. Robinson 7

Total 38

**BOXING**

**Paterson Overweight**

Glasgow, May 5.—Jackie Paterson, British and Empire bantamweight champion and former world flyweight title holder, was 15 ounces over the 120 pound limit for his 10-round bout with Fernando Rossa of Italy at Glasgow's Kelvin Hall tonight.

Paterson was given one hour to reduce or pay a forfeit. He paid a £50 forfeit.

It was another chapter in the long and uncomfortable Paterson battle against excessive poundage.

Four days before his March 23 world flyweight title defence against Finty Monaghan he was 4½ pounds overweight. After working out in front of a furnace all night he made the 112-pound limit with a quarter pound to spare. He was knocked out in the seventh round, too weak to throw a punch.

Last night he had failed "on doctor's orders" to appear for weighing in for the world title defence at Glasgow against the Hawaiian, Dado Marino.

The British Boxing Board of Control ruled that he must forfeit his title. Paterson appealed and was reinstated after two doctors testified that he had been physically incapable of attending the weigh-in.

United Press.

**BRITISH BOXERS GOING TO U.S.**

Billy Thompson, British and European lightweight boxing champion, plans to go to the United States this summer to fight there and in Canada.

He will be accompanied by Eric Boon, former British lightweight title holder, who, according to manager Benny Huntman, is already booked to fight Rocco Barzani of New York.

**OLYMPIANS WIN ONCE MORE**

Manila, May 5.—The Chinese Olympic footballers won their fourth straight game of the series tonight at the Rizal Memorial Stadium, defeating Manila's Interpol eleven by four goals to nil.

Some 18,000 spectators saw a fast and thrilling encounter, especially when the local team held the visitors to a scoreless tie in the first half.

In the second half, the Olympians finally clicked and took advantage of the exhausted local players and scored all the four goals in quick succession in the first 18 minutes from the start of the second half.

**HOME FOOTBALL**

London, May 5.—The results of Scottish soccer games played this evening were:

Glasgow Charity Cup, semi-final: Rangers 3 Partick T. 0

Morton 1 Aldershot 1

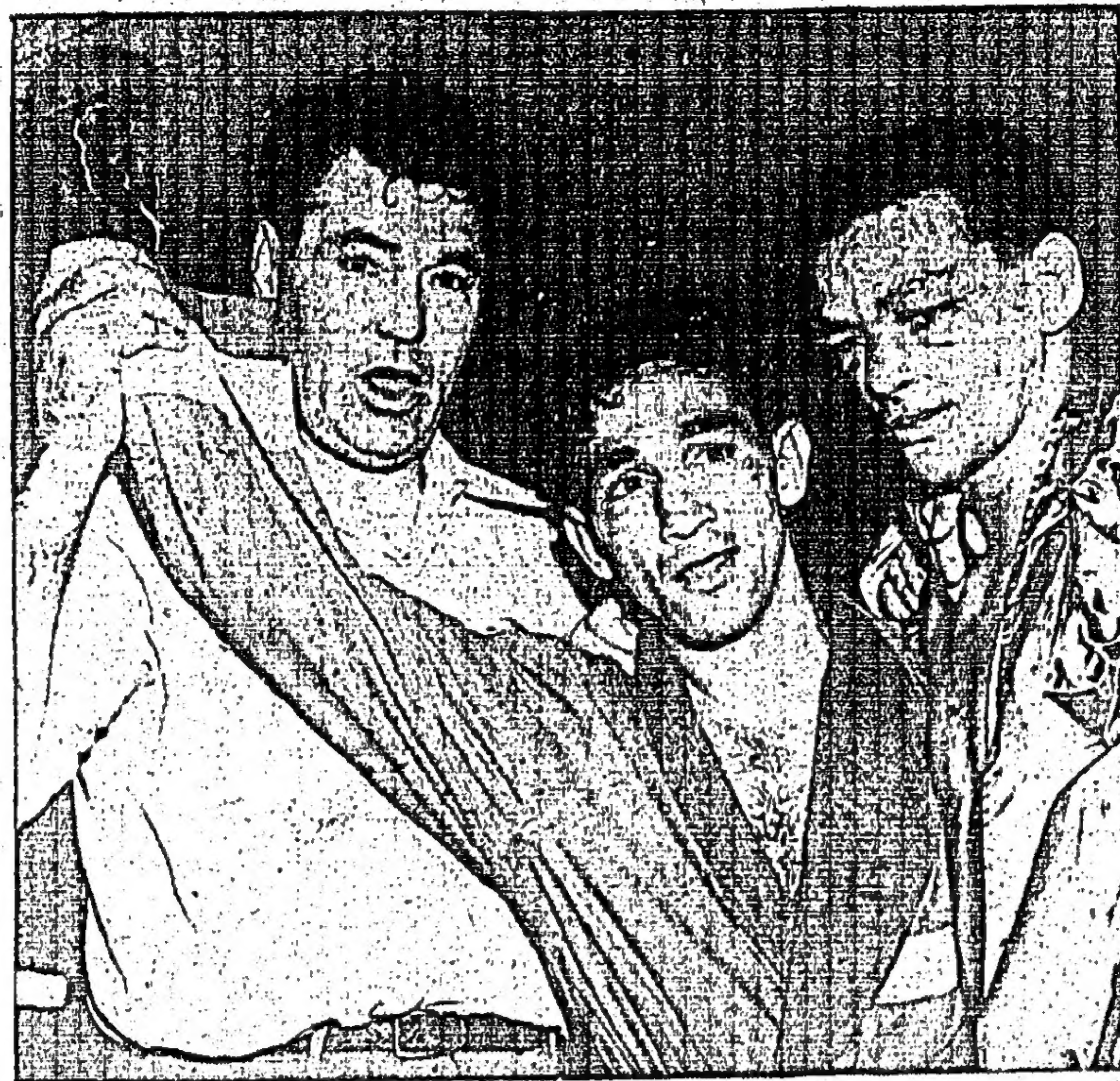
**DAVIS CUP**

Copenhagen, May 5.—Denmark gained a lead of two games to nil in their first round Davis Cup tie with Egypt here when Kurt Nielsen beat Andre Najar 3-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Denmark had won the first singles yesterday after the match had lost two days through rain, and Nielsen and Najar were one set all when bad light stopped play last evening.—Reuter.

## ALL THE SPORTS NEWS OF THE DAY

### THE PAIN OF DEFEAT



THE PAIN OF DEFEAT is reflected in the face of Humberto Sierra, right, who lost his championship bid against Willie Pep in Miami's Orange Bowl. Despite his defeat, he must face the crowd that is cheering the winner. Referee is Jack Dempsey, an old champion himself.

### AUSTRALIAN OLYMPIC TEAM

## STARS OF SEVEN SPORTS SELECTED FOR LONDON

### Only Four Swimmers Named

Australia's Olympic Games team, which the Olympic Federation announced in Melbourne on March 6, is the most representative ever selected.

Stars of six sports affiliated with the Olympic Federation—athletics, boxing and wrestling, cycling, rowing, swimming, weight-lifting—and two yachtsmen have been chosen. Every representative except P. Mullins and M. Curotta (athletics), G. Agnew (swimming), and J. Hoobin (cycling) holds an Australian title.

Mullins is outstanding in decathlon events, in which he will compete, but there is no Australian championship for this sport.

Mullins holds the New South Wales and New Zealand decathlon titles.

Baby of the team is 16-year-old Judy Canty, runner and broad jump champion, who is a pupil of Fort Street Girls' High School, Sydney. Oldest member of the team is Tom Darcy, 40-year-old Tasmanian coxswain of the four-oar crew. This is why they were chosen:

### ATHLETICS

Shirley Strickland (Western Australia), 22. Equalled world record of 11.5sec. in winning the Australian 90-yard hurdles. Second in 100-yard championship. Science graduate Perth University and daughter of 1900 Stawell Gift winner, Dave Strickland.

Joyce King (N.S.W.), 27. Australian 100 and 220-yard champion. Equalled Australian records in winning the 100-yard championship in 11.5sec. and 220 yards in 24.5sec. International basketball and interstate football player. School teacher.

George Avery (N.S.W.), 22. His hop, step, and jump distance, 50ft. 1in. was the best in the world for 1947. Height 6ft. 11in. 12st. Has natural style. Policeman.

John Winter (Western Australia), 23. Holder of the Australian high jump record, 6ft. 7½in., which is 3½in. lower than the best jump of the year by American Bill Verste. Winter is 6ft. 4in. tall, and uses the eastern cut-off style. Bank clerk.

John Treloar (N.S.W.), 20. Has equalled nine times the Australian 100-yard record (9.9sec.) made by Jim Carlin in 1939. Won the Australian 220-yard championship in record time of 20.9 sec. Height 6ft. 3½in. Running stride 7ft. 6in. University student.

Morris Curotta (N.S.W.), 18. Unheard of three months ago. Won the recent State 440-yard championship in 47.6sec. the best ever by an Australian. In an official attempt broke Nigel Barker's 40-year-old record for 300 yards, running the distance in 30.7 sec. Student.

John Bartram (Victoria), 22. Australian 440 yard champion. After four years with the Navy in the Pacific and Japan, took up medicine at the Melbourne University.

T. F. (Bill) Bruce (South Australia), 21. His jump of 24ft. 10½in. placed him among the world's best. His ability to break even for 100 yards makes him member 4x100 metre relay team. Height, 6ft. 2in. Grazier.

Peter Mullins (N.S.W.), 21. First athlete to represent Australia in a decathlon since Victorian Denis Dulgan was sent to the Paris Games in 1924. Mullins, 6ft. 4in., 13st. 10lb., holds State 120-yard hurdles

title. Interstate basketball star. High School teacher in ancient history.

Ray Weinberg (Victoria). Won the Australian 120-yard hurdles championship in 14.4sec. record time. Lives at Kerang, travels 200 miles every week to compete for St. Stephen's Harriers. Hotel manager.

J. W. (Bill) Ramsay (Victoria), 20. Australian half-mile champion. Ran the half-mile in 1min. 52.6sec. fastest ever by Australian. Holds Australian title, and won the half-mile in the N.S.W. championships last month.

Judy Canty (N.S.W.), 16. Fort Street High School student. Australian broad jump champion. Holds State record, 18ft. 5in. Can run 100 yards in 11.5sec.

**SWIMMING**

John Marshall (Victoria), 18. Holds Australian 220, 440, 880, and 1,650 yards championships. Broke Australian native-born records for 440 and 880 yards at the February National championships. Student.

John Davies (N.S.W.), 18. Australian breaststroke champion, and holder of the 220 yards record. Started to swim the butterfly stroke 12 months ago. Accountancy student.

Judy Joy Davies (Victoria), 21. Holds Australian 110-yard backstroke, 880-yard freestyle, and 165-yard medley championships. Awarded the H. A. Bennett trophy for being the women swimmer nearest world standard at the February National championships. Student.

Garrett Agnew (Western Australia), 17. Although overshadowed by Marshall in the February National championships, will concentrate on the 400 metres at the London Games. Perth University student.

**BOXING**

R. Gower (Tasmania), 18. Australian flyweight champion. Speedy, clever boxer with a fine range of punches.

Graham Hisham (Qld) 21. Australian middleweight champion. Considered smartest amateur boxer Queensland has produced.

James Carruthers (N.S.W.), 19. Australian bantamweight champion. Southpaw. Won State championship convincingly from Neville Rinecheval. Process worker at rubber firm.

Laurie Birks (Qld). Australian featherweight champion. Won nomination by beating Billy Watson, son of former professional champion, Tibby Watson.

**WRESTLING**

Richard Garrard (Vic.). Australian welterweight champion. Represented 1936 Berlin Games, beaten by Hungarian Karpatis, who won the division. Won Empire Games title in 1938.

E. P. Purcell (Vic.). Australian lightweight champion. Empire Games champion, 1938.

**CYCLING**

Russell Mockridge (Vic.), 20. Almost unknown in competitive cycling when he won the last Australian road championship on the Empire Games course at Centennial Park. Rides with spectacles fastened with sticking plaster. Journalist.

Charles Bazzano (N.S.W.), 23. Holds following State titles: Half-mile, mile, 1000-metre, sprint, 1000-metre time-trial, and five and 10 mile. Shrewd tactician. Has studied continental ideas. Engineering fitter.

Sid Patterson (Vic.), 22. Australian 1000-metre time trial, and mile, and five-mile champion.

Jack Hoobin (Victoria), 21. Rated Victoria's outstanding road-rider last year. Fell and broke a wrist in the 1947 Australian Championship at Centennial Park. Nominated on sprints of good road performances.

**ROWING**

Mervyn Wood (N.S.W.), 39. Won Australian sculling championship, 1946-1947. Has never been beaten in championships. Member of Police eight-oar crew at 1936 Berlin Olympic Games. Height 6ft. 11in. weight 13st. 8 lb. First-class constable attached to the C.I.D. Fingerprint Department.

Four-Oar Crew.—Jack Webster (Victoria), 20, 11st 10lb; Colin Smith (Victoria), 20, 12st. 2lb; Hugh Lambie (Victoria), 20, 12st. 2lb.; Walter Lambert (Victoria), 31, stroke, 11st 10lb.; cox, Tom Darcy (Tasmania), 40, 7st 10lb. Emergency: Bruce Goswell, (N.S.W.) 24 13st. 10lb. Coach: Ray Todd (Victoria).

**CHINA'S NATIONAL GAMES**

**HONGKONG TENNIS TEAM PLAY.**

**CHINESE NAVY TODAY**

Shanghai, May 6.—Nine track and field events and 12 basketball matches head the heavy schedule as the National Athletic Meet gets down to business today, but some events may have to be postponed owing to a steady drizzle.

Other competitions scheduled on the programme include 17 tennis singles, one baseball, seven volleyball and two football matches and one weight-lifting.

Sports fans will have their eyes glued on the Malayan and Kwangtung runners in track events today to assess their chances for the championship.

It is very unlikely that any of the scheduled tennis games will be played as the grounds throughout the city are water-logged.

Matches on today's programme include Malaya v Air Force; Hong Kong v Navy; Nanking v Malaya and Indonesia v Police.

The soccer contests will be limited to Slam v Fukien and Szechuen v Police (represented mostly by Hong Kong players).

In the only basketball match played last night Tientsin beat Jehol 42 to 38.

Dalren's footballers defeated Combed Services by two goals to nil in a late evening match.—Reuter.

### BASEBALL

## PITTSBURGH PIRATES WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT GAME

New York, May 5.—In the National League, the Pittsburgh Pirates picked up their sixth straight win, scoring two runs after two men were out in the ninth to shade Boston 3-2. The result left the Pirates in full control of the League top spot. First baseman Ed Stevens and second baseman Denny Moutaugh drove home the winning runs.

Cincinnati broke a four game losing streak by clipping the runnerup Giants 5-2. Kent Peterson lost a shut-out on homers by first baseman Johnny McCarthy and centre-fielder Bobby Thomson in late innings.

Four Chicago hurlers dished out 13 walks and 13 hits to help Philadelphia win 13-0. Catcher Andy Seminick topped the Phillies with a three-run homer. Pitcher Schoolboy Rowe was lost to the Phillies for at least two months because of a line drive that fractured the thumb of his left hand.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**

In the American League, Shortstop Vern Stephens' 11th inning homer enabled Boston to shade Detroit 4-3. Virgil Trucks held a 3-1 lead for Detroit until the ninth when the Sox rallied to tie.

The St. Louis at New York game and the Cleveland at Philadelphia game were rained out. The Chicago at Washington game is a night game.

Scores were:—

**National League**

Boston ..... R H E  
Pittsburgh ..... 2 9 0  
Cincinnati ..... 2 5 1  
New York ..... 5 7 1  
Cleveland ..... 5 7 1  
Philadelphia ..... 13 13 2  
Chicago ..... 0 15 3  
(Winning pitcher San Nuan).

**American League**

Detroit ..... 3 11 1  
Boston ..... 4 8 1  
(Winning pitcher Ellis Kinder).—Associated Press.

**LEAGUE STANDINGS**

**National League**

Pittsburgh ..... W L Perc.  
New York ..... 8 5 .615  
St. Louis ..... 5 5 .500  
Brooklyn ..... 6 6 .500  
Philadelphia ..... 7 7 .500  
Cincinnati ..... 7 8 .468  
Boston ..... 6 9 .400  
Chicago ..... 5 8 .385

**American League**

Cleveland ..... 6 3 .666  
New York ..... 7 5 .583  
Philadelphia ..... 7 5 .583  
St. Louis ..... 5 5 .500  
Washington ..... 5 5 .500  
Boston ..... 6 6 .500  
Detroit ..... 6 9 .400  
Chicago ..... 3 7 .300

**WORLD TOURNEY**

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**THE YOUTHS' INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

By ARCHIE QUICK

Unheralded and unsung there has just been completed in England the first Youths' International Soccer Tournament. Although sponsored by the Football Association, it has received little publicity but it contributed greatly towards the amity of nations and provided no mean standard of football.

Age limits were 18 to 20 and teams were entered from England, Northern Ireland, Wales, Eire, the Netherlands, Belgium, Italy, Austria, but strangely none from France or Scotland.

I am glad to be able to announce for once that the old Country triumphed. England beat the Netherlands in final with Belgium finishing third and Italy, North Ireland, Eire, Wales and Austria following in that order.

England's team won through greater team spirit, stronger tackling, first time shooting, and there were players in the side who will be heard of in future.

The outside right, for instance, is a grand player already on Huddersfield Town's books although he comes from Bradford while Everton have noted the entire half.

Two inside forwards and wing halves too are others booked for prominent careers on the field, I should imagine.

I went down to Kenley Aerodrome, where the teams were housed, to attend the winding up dinner and concert before teams departed for their homes and it was good to see how the lads got together, surmounting language difficulties and proving once more that sport welds nations better than politics.

Italian officials and players had to get home because of the Italian elections, but I learned that Manager Pozzo, who will be in charge of Italy's team against England at Turin next month, was responsible during the war for organising an escape route over mountains into France for 500 British airmen and Americans.

I also learned that it is likely that Italy will be offered England's annual home match against the Continental nations next season. In that case Italy would play a second match here against Wales at Cardiff or Wrexham.

These youths' internationals were played on London grounds like West Ham, Queen's Park Rangers, etc., and near London like Watford, and the only criticism I have to offer against them was that they necessitated lads of tender age being called upon to play three matches on successive days.

Teams in the Final at Tottenham on Saturday were tired and it not only spoilt the game as a spectacle but imposed a real physical strain on the players. Attendance was very poor and I can only say that British public who will attend any old second class boxing show that is put on do not know what they missed in not seeing these splendid youngsters battling it out.

### COLONY CHESS

## SCHURE LOSES TO PROKOPOV

The third round of the Colony Chess Championship final will be played at the Peninsula Hotel this evening.

Second round games have been completed and the results find all six contestants blanketed within a one point margin between leaders and tail-enders.

Surprise of the round was P. K. Prokopov's defeat of L. Schure when the latter miscalculated on the 13th move and lost a piece gratis. Schure was playing white and the game—a Scotch Gambit—went on to some 37 moves before he resigned. Despite the error, the game was a good one.

A similar slip-up occurred in the game between K. M. A. Barnett and J. P. de Carvalho when the latter also lost a piece through error in a French Defence and finally pulled a draw out of the game on the 24th move through perpetual check.

F. X. Sequeira beat Ray Danenberg in the third game.

**TONIGHT'S GAMES**

Tonight's pairings are: Ray Danenberg v. L. Schure, J. P. de Carvalho v. F. X. Sequeira, and P. K. Prokopov v. K. M. A. Barnett.

Standings after two rounds are:

P. K. Prokopov ..... 1 1 0 1½  
F. X. Sequeira ..... 1 1 0 1½  
L. Schure ..... 1 0 1 1  
J. P. de Carvalho ..... 0 2 0 1  
K. M. A. Barnett ..... 0 1 1 ½  
R. C. Danenberg ..... 0 1 1 ½

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## Marshall Predicts Changes In U.N. Charter

Washington, May 5.—Changes would need to be made in the Charter of the United Nations, Mr. George Marshall, the Secretary of State, said today when he was cross-examined by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives today. "That must come about through the development of a different state of mind to that which exists in the world today."

"There will be a change of heart. The whole international situation today is fraught with suspicion and fear, and it is extremely unlikely that nations which, under these conditions, take opposite views would moderate their ideas."

Any attempt to review the United Nations Charter by calling a conference under Article 109 (which provides that a general conference of members may be called to review the Charter) would be ineffective at the present time, he said. "There must be more reassuring developments in the world. When we have a little more security and a little more economic stability today's suspicions will be moderated and a situation will be created which will lead to a change in today's state of mind."

Mr. Marshall said that of the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United States was the only one entertaining any sentiment in favour of a conference for amending the Charter.

### CONDITIONS FOR ANY CHANGE

"We are not opposed to amending the Charter in principle, if it strengthens and facilitates the work of the United Nations, if such a change has reasonable support within the United Nations itself, and if it is supported by Congress, and the people of America fully understand the implications to the United States."

"We must remember that the United States possesses 40 per cent of the power and influence of the world today," Mr. Marshall said.

"We want to know clearly what changes in the Charter are needed. We must not jeopardize the integrity of the United Nations."

The United States Senate, he said, would probably not have ratified the Charter if it had not granted the United States veto rights with respect to combatting acts of aggression.

He was in favour of the veto in the pacific settlement of disputes, but the veto was necessary where acts of aggression were concerned, he said.

"We do not want our manpower and our strength committed by a two-thirds vote."

### RESTORING EQUILIBRIUM

Mr. Marshall said there was nothing in Article 51 which would prevent the United States making military supplies available to United Nations members.

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## CMT Period Lengthened

Paris, May 5.—The French Cabinet moved today to increase the length of compulsory military service temporarily from 12 to 15 months.

The Cabinet voted the recommendation to Parliament after hearing M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, report on the international situation.

At the same time it moved to strengthen Franco's rear by authorising a trade agreement with Spain. Until recently, France had kept her Spanish frontier closed in opposition to the Spanish Government.—Associated Press.

## Reshuffling The Greek Cabinet

Athens, May 5.—The Greek Prime Minister, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, today began reshuffling the Greek Cabinet and secured the assent of King Paul to a month's adjournment of Parliament in the face of strong protests by the Opposition.

He and his Vice-Premier, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, saw the King this morning and announced that he had agreed to their plans.

Mr. George Papandreu, the Republican Social Democrat leader, opposing them, immediately asked for an audience with the King. The Opposition said the adjournment is unconstitutional unless it is decided by the House.

Parliament has been in recess since January and should meet next week.

### MORE EXECUTIONS

While these moves were made in Athens, 21 more "Communists" were executed in Lamia, central Greece, according to press reports.

The Greek authorities were unofficially reported to have put 151 Communists to death yesterday for their part in the Leftwing rebellion of December, 1944.

M. Tsaldaris denied last night that the executions were in retaliation for the assassination on Saturday of M. Christos Lados, the Minister of Justice.

Later reports from Lamia said the 21 executed today—including six women—were sentenced to death by a military court for co-operation with the guerrillas of General Markos.—Reuter.

## Palestine Still First Choice

Berlin, May 5.—Jewish leaders and refugee officials in Berlin flatly disputed today a report published in New York asserting that most Jewish displaced persons in Germany had changed their minds about wanting to go to strife-torn Palestine and that 80 per cent of them wanted to emigrate to the United States.

These officials replied that in fact 80 per cent of the Jews in DP camps still registered Palestine as their first choice for emigration. They asserted that the only noticeable change in sentiment was that many appeared to be more zealous and enthusiastic than ever to go to Palestine, to join in the struggle said, however, that many of the Jews were making multiple registrations "because they want to go out of Germany so badly they will accept any visa that is handed them first.—Associated Press.

## Viet Nam Govt.

Paris, May 5.—General Nguyen Van Xuan, the South Vietnamese Premier, announced today that a central provisional government for Viet Nam, the Indo-Chinese autonomous state, would be formed within a few days. Agence France Presse reported tonight.

He also announced in Hanoi that M. Emile Bollaert, the French High Commissioner, and Bao Dai, the ex-Emperor of Annam, would confer shortly to try to halt the warfare between French and Vietnamese troops.

They would probably meet on board a ship in the Bay of Along, the scene of previous meetings. General Xuan confirmed the ex-Emperor would visit France at the end of this month.—Reuter.

## CRUELITIES BY NAZI DOCTOR

Hamburg, May 5.—When women prisoners of Ravensbrueck concentration camp became seriously ill the SS doctor gave them lethal injections. It was alleged in a military court in Hamburg today.

On trial are two doctors and three nurses of the camp, charged with ill-treating and killing Allied women. A German woman doctor, Doris Manse of Dusseldorf, was a political prisoner in the camp.

She told today how Doctor Walter Sonntag, one of the accused gave the fatal injections.—Associated Press.

## WORLD MUST GROW MORE FOOD

## Urgent Warning Issued By Sir John Boyd Orr

Southampton, May 5.—Sir John Boyd Orr, Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation, said last night that the world is paying too much attention to preparing for war and not enough to growing food.

Sir John said: "The whole race is rumbling on to destruction. There is only a fifty-fifty chance of getting over the food problem."

Returning from New York aboard the Queen Elizabeth, he said he would give a "final warning" to the world on the food situation before he retires on June 1. He said he would reveal the facts which could not be disclosed in the United States.

Sir John said: "If the food problem is not solved there will be chaos in the world in the next 50 years. The nations of the world are insane. They are spending one-third of their national incomes in preparing for the next war. They are applying their energies to building up the war machine instead of applying the world steel and industrial production to conserving the resources of the land."

### ANSWER TO COMMUNISM

He said governments were not interested in arresting erosion. "Their main interest is Communism versus private enterprise and the next election," he said. Sir John said full stomachs are the answer to Communism but the United States cannot or will not understand this.

Don Iddon, writing in the Daily Mail today, quoted Sir John as saying: "America talks about Russian misuse of the veto but the United States herself has vetoed and therefore destroyed a world plan to feed the world."

"We had a blueprint and we are ready to go ahead. Then America said no. Only co-operation of all nations could all people's stomachs be fed but the United States was not having any."

"America is scared stiff not only of Communism but of Socialism. She is frightened to death and in this duel with Russia is making one mistake after another."

"World hunger is a far greater danger to civilisation and mankind than the atomic bomb could ever be."

Sir John called on Britain to stop playing politics and "assume moral leadership of the world which she is so well fitted to do."—United Press.

## Franco-Spanish Trade Agreement

Paris, May 5.—The French Cabinet today authorised M. Georges Bidault, the Foreign Minister, to sign the Franco-Spanish commercial agreement.

The main clauses of this were finally drawn up last week. The agreement is valid for a year. Goods worth about 25,000 million francs (£50 million) will be exchanged, at the rate of 19.63 francs to a peseta.—Reuter.

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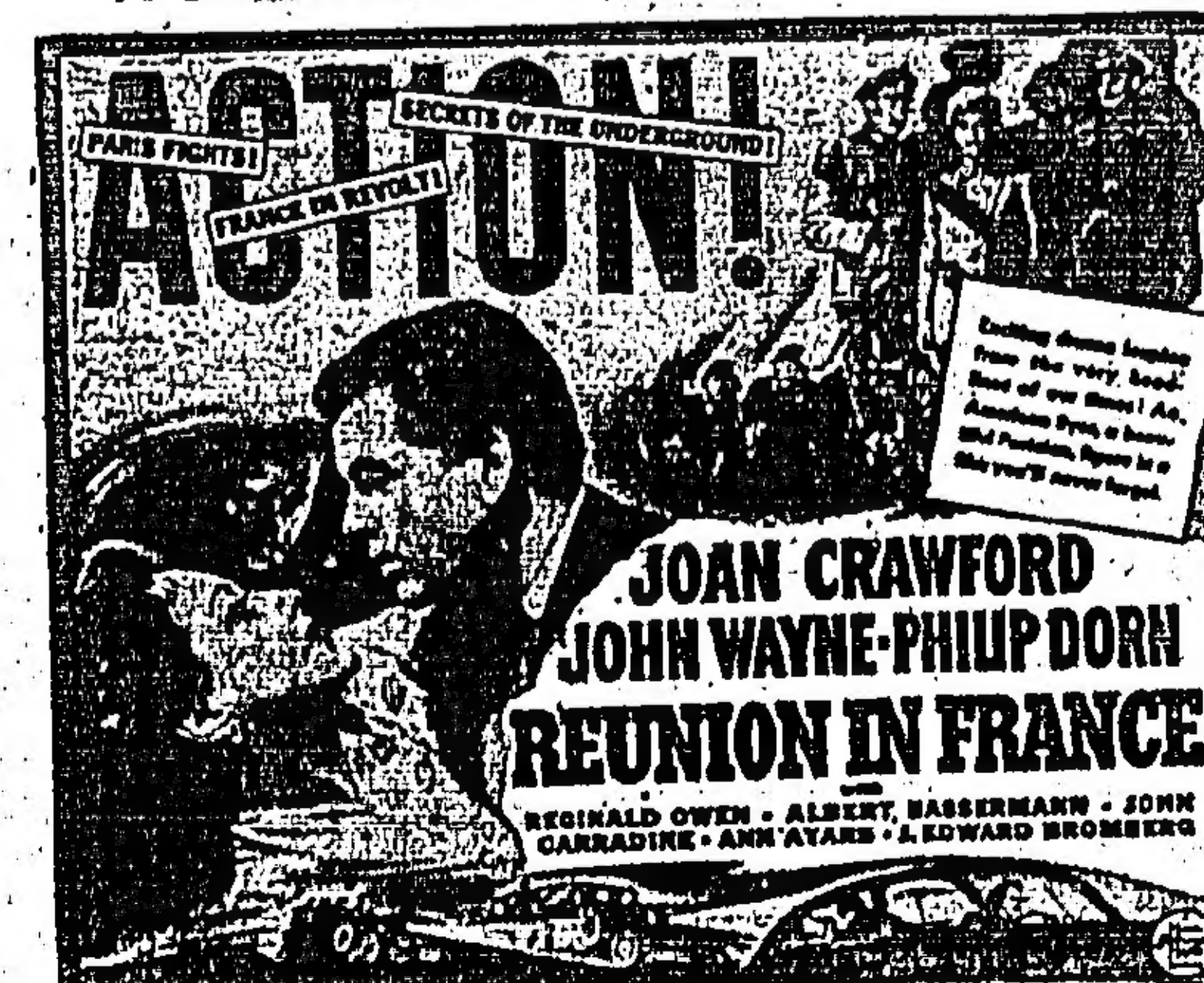
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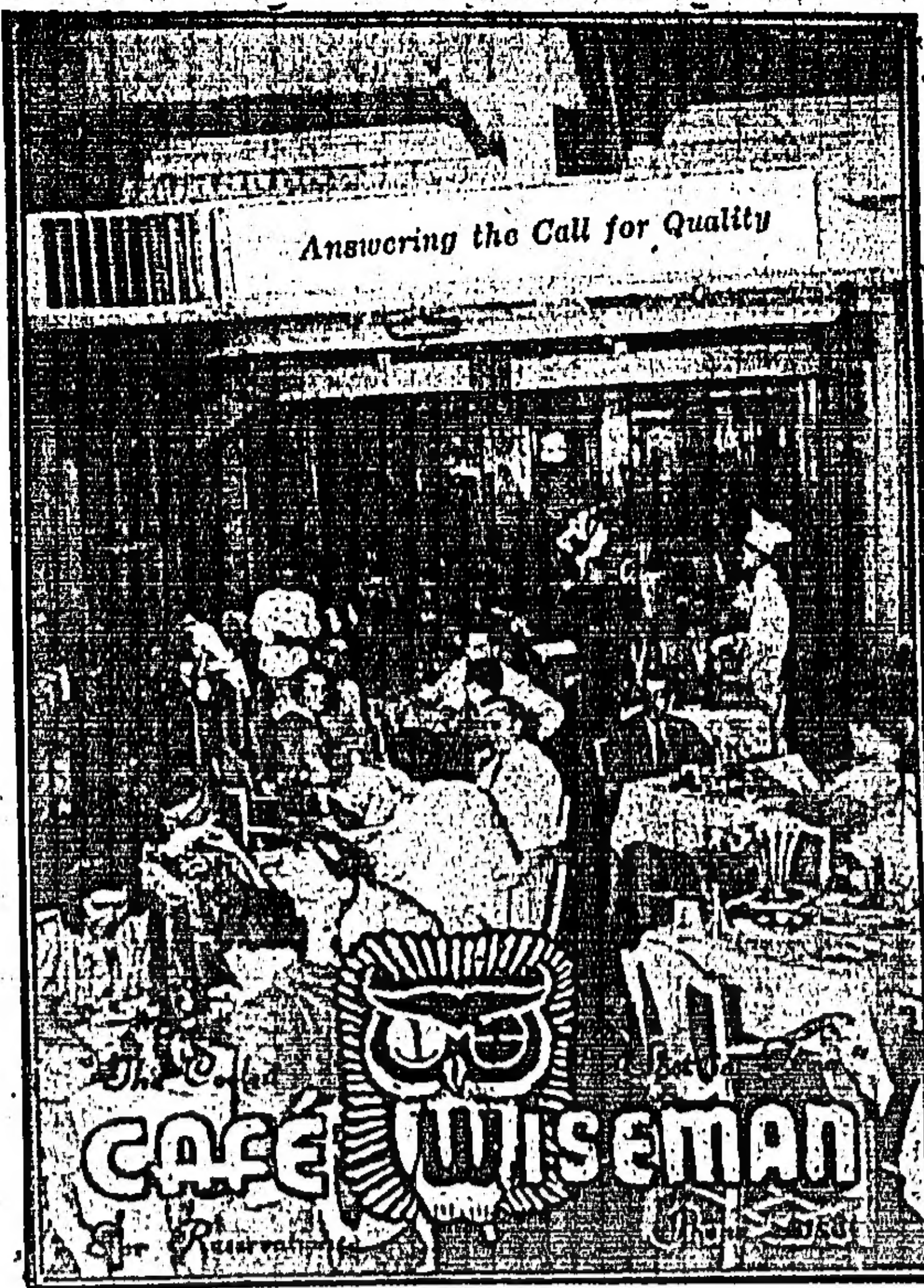
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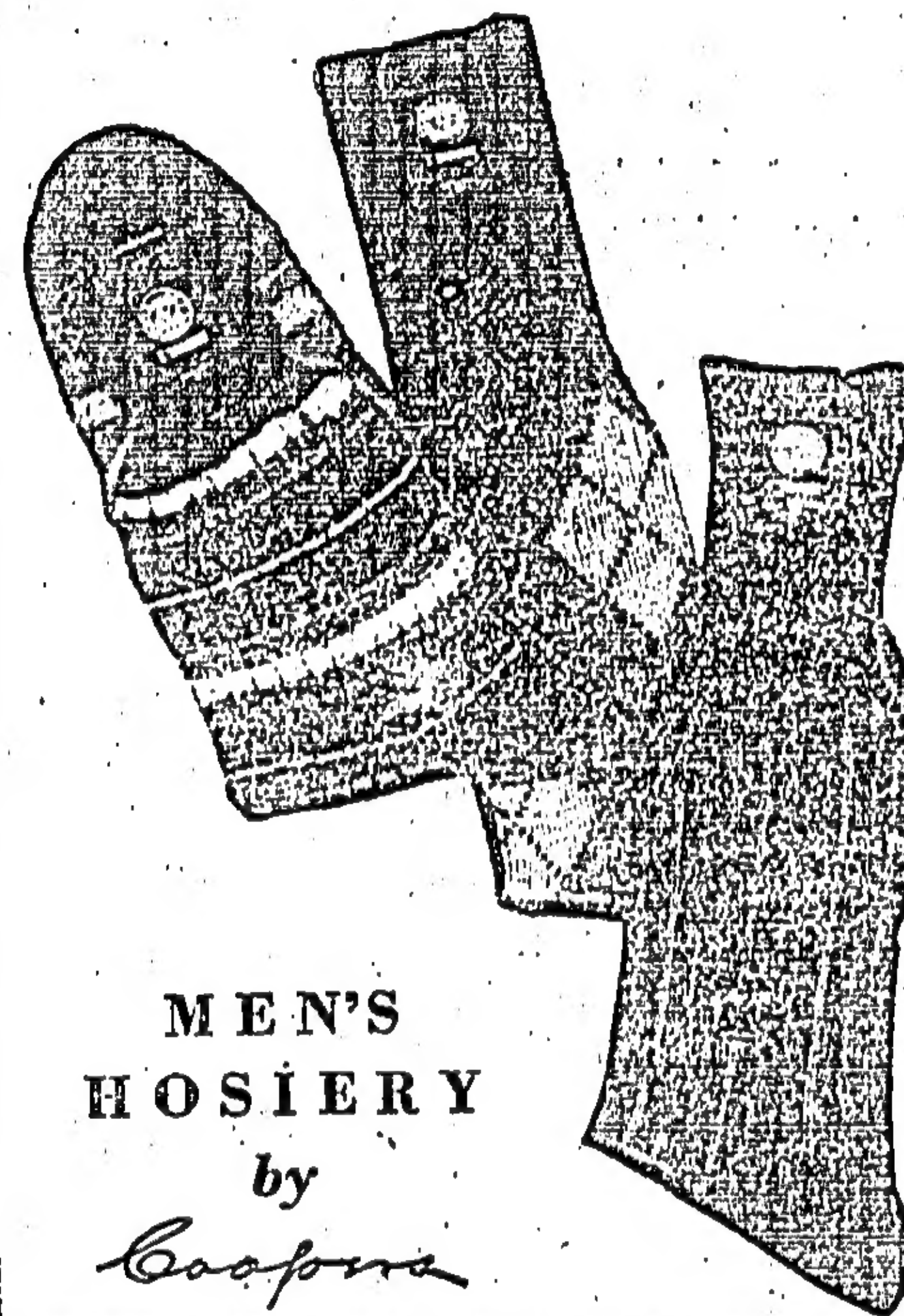
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